



February 21, 2023

***Testimony in Opposition to HB 5653 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS. Aka Ammo Tax for "Gun Violence" programs***

Chairmen and Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I am Anne Manusky, 24 year Connecticut resident, wife, mother as well as former Licensed Professional Counselor, and current President of the CT Republican Assembly.

The CT Republican Assembly has members and friends totalling over 500 Republicans and conservatives across the eight counties of Connecticut who stand firm in our principles and unalienable Rights under the US Constitution, as well as the Rights and responsibilities within the Connecticut Constitution.

Our [US Constitution, Second Amendment](#) provides *A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

This bill would violate our Second Amendment Freedoms.

The state of Connecticut has laws that violate our Second Amendment such as other taxes on firearms and ammunition.

Further, the Connecticut General Assembly lawyers should be reviewing concepts and bills for their Constitutional merit: Why has this even been raised? This is a violation of the Constitution and the ability of the citizens of Connecticut to feel safe under our current governance. Our legislators are to Represent the People. This is another bill that violates that trust with an attempt to force "laws" instead of Freedom for the People.

Vote No on this bill, and all other bills that infringe up the Rights of CT citizens.

Sincerely,

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